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TELEGRAMS.

THE COAL CRISIS.

Mr. Asquith Introduces the Coal Mines Bill.

CONDITIONS OF THE MINIMUM WAGE.

[Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 5.20 p.m.

Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons that Friday would be allocated to the Coal Bill and the promoters of the Women's Enfranchisement Bill will be given an early date, instead of Friday. He hoped that the Lords would sit on Saturday as it was urgent that the Bill should be passed this week. He said that the Budget would be taken on April 2.

RELUCTANTLY INTRODUCED.

Mr. Asquith then introduced the Coal Mines Bill. He said it was with great and unaffected reluctance that he introduced it, but the introduction of such a Bill, and its passing by Parliament promptly, were absolutely necessary in the best interests of the country.

The Government had resorted to legislation only when all hope of a settlement by agreement had disappeared and when the necessity, in the general interest, of putting a speedy end to the stoppage of the coal industry had become a matter of paramount urgency.

DIFFICULTIES AND HAZARDS.

Long before those matters reached an acute stage the Government thought it their duty to consider all alternative plans of legislation, and the more they surveyed the ground the more clearly they realized the difficulties and hazards to which the best conceived plan of legislation must be exposed. They persevered as long as possible, hoping for a way of escape along a better and more expedient path.

THE GOVERNMENT'S DUTY.

What was the Government's duty? The stoppage of the coal industry for a fortnight was producing, had produced, an ever-growing daily weight of inconvenience and suffering. In these circumstances the Government, came, without hesitation, to the conclusion that Parliament must be asked to intervene, and, as the parties were unable to agree, the State must provide a settlement. They were driven to legislation and therefore they held that the only kind of legislation which they were justified in proposing was legislation directed to a particular purpose and not going beyond that.

GIVE AND TAKE.

The conclusion to which the Government had come, with which sixty-five per cent. of the coalowners agreed, was that having regard to the unique conditions of the mining industry there ought to be a minimum reasonable wage, on the one hand, and, on the other, adequate safeguards to protect owners against slackness and deficiency of output.

THE MACHINERY.

They must have machinery, intelligent, competent and impartial, to settle both the amount of the minimum and the extent of the safeguards. The Bill was a temporary measure continuing in force for three years. The minimum wage would be retrospective and when the men returned to work they would be paid from the date of their return at a rate subsequently fixed by the District Board.

The District Boards would draw up regulations and conditions for regularity and efficiency of work. Workmen who failed to comply therewith would not be entitled to the minimum wage. The District Boards would settle the general minimum wage and the general district rules, namely, the conditions for efficiency and regularity.

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

NO PENAL PROVISIONS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 5.20 p.m.

The Bill contained no penal provisions upon one side or the other.

HOW THE BILL OPERATES.

The employer was liable to pay the underground workman a wage not less than the wage fixed by the District Boards, but the mineowner was not compelled to open his coal mine, nor did the Bill compel the workman to descend into the pit.

It might be said that this Bill would be nugatory. He hoped and believed it would not be so. After Parliament had taken action the position would be no longer what it was before. There would be no longer any doubt as to the principle of the minimum wage, and no longer any difficulty, with good sense and fairness, in settling the various grades. That was all that they could do.

CAUTION ADVISED.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald advised caution in regard to such legislation, because, if it were going to be permanent, not one, but a score of bills would be required. He emphasised that the Labourites would move an amendment that their schedule of wages be included in the Bill. They approved of the principle of no compulsion. They might ask for a few amendments and safeguards, but it should be possible to pass a Bill this week which would be satisfactory to all concerned.

RACES TO BE HELD.

London, Mar. 10, 5.35 p.m.

It has been officially announced that the Spring Races at Liverpool will take place.

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

LABOUR ATTITUDE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 3.35 a.m.

It is announced that the Labour Party will not oppose the Minimum Wage Bill at present but will shape their attitude during the Committee stage in consultation with the Miners' Executive.

Mr. Walter Long, conservative member for the Strand, speaking at Cambridge, warned the Government that the Opposition would jealously safeguard the interests of employers.

It is stated that the Minimum Wage Bill will not enforce arbitration and that it will not contain compulsory powers or penalties.

MILITANT SPEECHES.

London, Mar. 19, 2.15 p.m.

A number of the miners' leaders made speeches last night, several of them adopting a threatening tone, declaring that if the Strike Bill is unsatisfactory they will not hesitate to bring the country lower to its knees. The most hopeful speech indicated that it would be at least a fortnight before a resumption of work would be possible, and a ballot of the miners will probably be necessary.—Reuter.

TROUBLE ON THE CONTINENT.

The strike is stagnant in Westphalia but many miners have struck in Saxony and Hanover while at Saar a strike is threatened. The colliers of Silesia and the Miners' Federation of Anzin have issued a manifesto which calls upon all French miners to rise in sympathy with their British comrades.—Reuter.

CHANNEL COLLISION.

BODIES WASHED UP.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 2.15 p.m.

The bodies washed up at Hastings are believed to be those of the Rev. Mr. Leishman, and of a passenger, who accompanied the Naval Brigade to Peking during the Boxer Rebellion.—Reuter.

MAILS WENT DOWN.

London, Mar. 19, 2.15 p.m.

The Post Office announces that the mails went down with the Oceana, and they included registered correspondence and parcels for Gibraltar, bags of letters for Zanzibar and Bombay and British warships at Aden and Singapore and parcels for Egypt, Berbers, Aden and India.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

TRIPOLI WAR.

ITALY'S REPLY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 1.40 p.m.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent says that it is understood that Italy's reply to the enquiries of the Powers suggests that Turkey should not be called upon to recognize the annexation of Tripoli, but that Turkish troops shall be withdrawn from Northern Africa. It is considered certain that the Porte will not accede to the proposals.—Reuter.

MILLIONAIRE'S WILL.

A BIG BEQUEST.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 5.35 p.m.

Lord Wandsworth's estate has been estimated at £1,500,000, out of which £1,250,000 has been provided for the establishment of an orphanage.—Reuter.

SUGAR CONVENTION.

BRITAIN'S POSITION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 1.40 p.m.

The Government has announced to Parliament that Great Britain has not signed the protocol prolonging the Sugar Convention and is in no way committed to the Convention. Britain, however, has given a notification that it does not object to the increase in Russian exports during a continuance of the Convention.—Reuter.

MARCHIONESS OF CREWE.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 5.35 p.m.

The Marchioness of Crewe has been successfully operated upon for appendicitis.—Reuter.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

THE PERSIAN MOVE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 1.40 p.m.

The Russian military movements in the Caucasus which excited some alarm in Europe have been suspended, Turkey having given satisfactory assurances concerning the movements of her troops towards Persia.—Reuter.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

TWENTY-FIVE KILLED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 1.40 p.m.

Reuter's New York correspondent states that at least twenty-five people have been killed through the explosion of a locomotive boiler in an engine house of the Southern Pacific Railway, at San Antonio. Many were injured, and the majority of the victims were strikebreakers.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

PEACE OF EUROPE.

DISQUIETING REPORTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 20, 7.35 p.m.

Reuter has elicited in diplomatic quarters in London that no grounds whatever can be ascribed for the disquieting reports as to the peace of Europe.—Reuter.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

TROUBLE IN SHANGHAI.

[From Chinese Sources.]

Shanghai, March 19.

The newly enlisted Republican soldiers in Shanghai have created a disturbance, on account of not having received their pay. Detachments from an artillery corps were despatched to maintain order, and in a collision between the two forces, two soldiers and a ricksha coolie were accidentally killed.

PROOF WANTED.

The Shanghai "Rapidly Progressive" Society, together with members in the two political parties, have asked Dr. Sun Yat-sen what proof the Jointly Sworn Society has for the allegation that they have been unduly influenced by Yuan Shih-kai.

THE DELEGATES RETURN.

Messrs. Tsoi Yuen-pui and Wong Shiu-ming have returned to Nanking from Peking, with a solemn declaration made by Yuan on his taking up the presidency. The declaration has been submitted to the Assembly.

SUGGESTED NAVAL MINISTER.

The Naval League at Nanking has requested the Government to appoint Sah Chen-ping as Naval Minister.

YUAN'S APPOINTMENTS.

Strong objections have been raised by the people of Chihli to the appointment of Chang Shoku-uen as Governor General of Chihli, and they have held a meeting in opposition thereto. It has been decided to communicate with Yuan Shih-kai recommending that Wong Chi-cheung should be appointed.—Shat Po.

A NEW GUN.

SUITABLE FOR AEROPLANES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 5.20 a.m.

The Vickers firm has invented a portable quick firing gun for the use of aeroplanes.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

BRITAIN'S NAVY.

THE DEBATE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

In the House of Commons, Lord Charles Beresford, Unionist member for Portsmouth, in the debate on the Naval Estimates criticised the omission to defend trade routes and said it was a mistake to use provocative language about Germany. We were always niggling at Germany, he said, instead of attending to Imperial defence.

PAY AND PENSIONS.

Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, Unionist member for Devonport, moved the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the question of pay and pensions in the dockyards and navy. Mr. J. Macnamara, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, defended the treatment of the men and the amendment was defeated by 202 votes to 156.

PRESS COMMENTS.

The comments upon Mr. Churchill's speech agree as to the gravity of the statement, but differ as to the wisdom of the references to Germany.

The "Times" says: The speech is the best exposition since 1889 and will do much to raise Mr. Churchill in the esteem of his countrymen.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: The speech is brimful of courage and resource and must convince the Empire that it is confronted with a grave crisis.

The "Daily Mail" says: Mr. Churchill is assured of the enthusiastic support of the nation.

The "Morning Post" says: We doubt the wisdom of the appeal to Germany, which may be stimulated thereby to increase the pace.

The "Standard" says: Mr. Churchill is overdoing the role of the patriotic Englishman. The statement is almost a threat.

The "Daily Chronicle" says: The speech is direct and business-like and nowise provocative.

The "Daily News" asks if such a grave speech is the answer to the question, "What was the result of Mr. Haldane's mission to Germany?"—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

FORMER SINGAPORE RESIDENT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 2.35 p.m.

The death has taken place of Mr. Aitken, barrister, an ex-member of the Legislative Council of Singapore.—Reuter.

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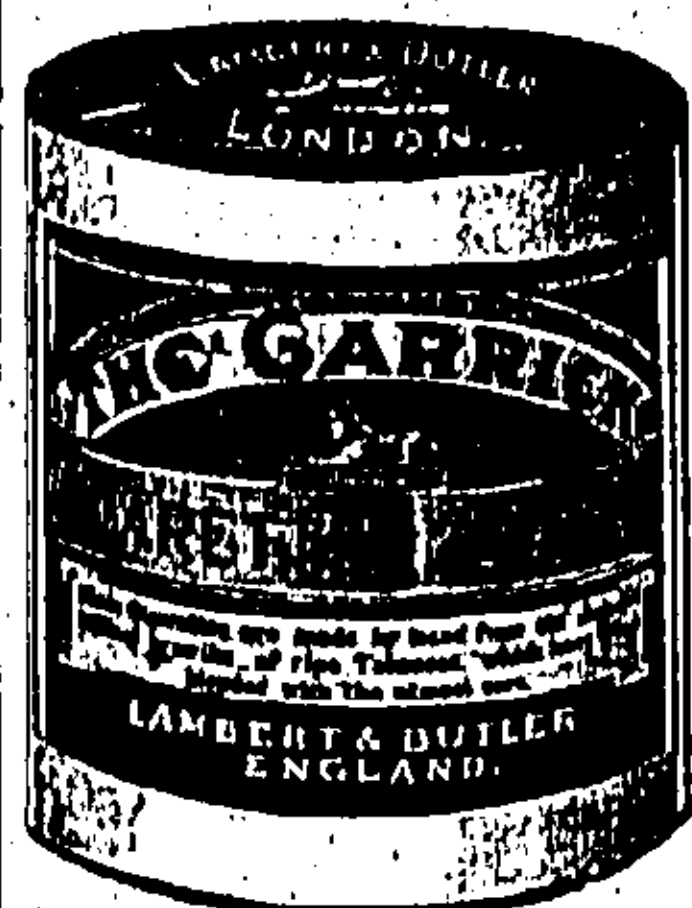
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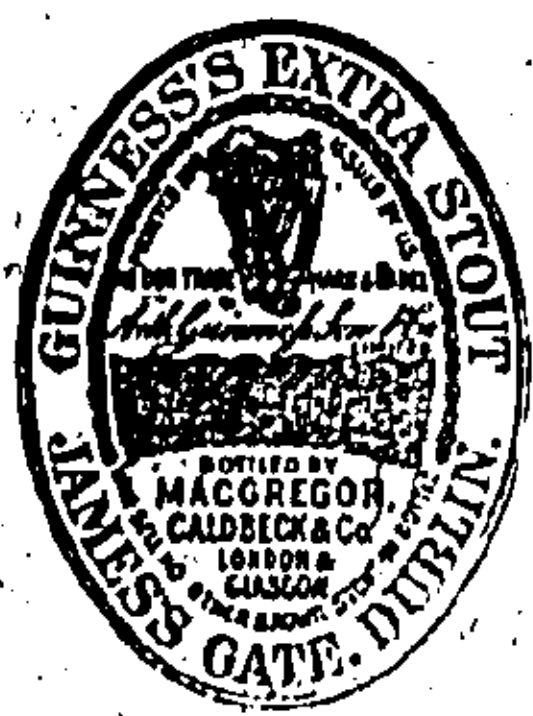
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WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

The Coal Crisis.

It is the pressure which the moderate-minded will eventually bring to bear, together with the bankruptcy of the Unions, that should effect a great change in the situation before another week is out. Even so the damage done will be irreparable. The losses sustained in fratricidal labour disputes such as this more than equal the losses of a great war, and what is worse is that they can never be made good, while the residuum of unrest and blighted hopes that they hand on to the next generation will effectively clog the wheel of progress for years to come. Each age has its own problems to beat out on the anvil of time, but surely the biggest problem now confronting us and one which brooks no delay is the devising of some method by which industrial disputes can be arranged in a less costly and unsatisfactory fashion than by striking. It cannot be beyond the wit of man to find this all-necessary exit. But where is the leader who will point out the way and extricate us from the Serbonian bog into which the industrial system of England is at present sinking?

Daily Press.

British Base in the Pacific.

Palmyra Island, we learn from an American paper, was recently bought by Judge Cooper, of Honolulu, an American. It is described as of no great value. Its area is not more than 500 acres, and it lies very low. It was consequently considered improbable that Great Britain would lay claim to it. On that point we can express no opinion, but the seizure would seem to be of considerable importance from the fact that it has the appearance of being a reply to a British project on Fanning Island. A Canadian syndicate, backed by British capital, has just completed arrangements for the purchase of Fanning and Washington Islands at a cost of \$350,000 gold. The sale was negotiated by a French priest, Fanning Island, apart from the fact that it is a station on the cable route, has been known in the past only on account of its guano deposits and the mother-of-pearl shell which is found in large quantities in a big lagoon; but its future destiny, according to the French priest who negotiated the sale, is to be "a free port similar to Hongkong." Vessels of all nationalities will be able to secure stores, supplies, and fuel there free of duty. We further learn that in May the new owners will begin to provide large wharves and other shipping facilities, big oil tanks and coal bunkers to supply steamships which ply via the Panama Canal, and the further statement is made that it is likely the British Admiralty will establish a base there.

South China Morning Post.

The Outlook.

The unemployed army is being augmented by thousands daily, and although distress must follow it is fortunate for all parties that discontent, at any rate, has not been fomented to such a degree as to enflame the hungry and inspire the desperado to deeds that disgraced large cities during the railway troubles last year. February and March are the months when the bitter, biting winds of winter rave, when distress in some centres is acute, and what the poor must suffer this year—under abnormal conditions—we cannot glean nor conceive from briefly worded cables. Whatever the projected measure may impose in order to restore peace between miners and colliery proprietors, and infuse life once more into still and silent industries, we feel sure every loyal Briton will hail with satisfaction the announcement—be the terms what they will—that the greatest industrial upheaval in the history of the Empire has passed away.

THE BOOK WORLD.

(In this column will appear from time to time reviews of books and chat on books and writers.)

The Art of Writing.

The author of "Collections and Recollections," on "Style" —

Style again. A friend, hitherto unknown writes to me from Hyde:—"I am a member of a newly-formed literary club. Our ages range from sixteen to twenty, and I am writing on behalf of this small coterie to inquire whether you would kindly give us an article on 'Self-consciousness,' with particular reference to literature and literary style."

This is the sort of request which pleases me, and I respond with all imaginable good-will. The late Lord Granville, who retained through a long life of politics and gout the buoyancy of youth, was fond of saying: "I have been young; I have been uncommonly young. In fact, no fellow ever was younger than I once was." I might make that boast my own, and might apply it with a difference. I had written a good deal before I was 13, and at that ripe age I first appeared in print. From then till now I have been more or less steadily engaged in literary composition; and when I look back to the performances of my teens I can honestly say that they are uncommonly young, and that no fellow—not even in the Literary Club at Hyde—ever was mentally younger than I then was.

These lucubrations aptly fit the topic of Self-consciousness, for it is peculiarly a disease of youth. Like all diseases, it takes diverse forms. There is the Self-consciousness of vanity and the Self-consciousness of humility; and, somewhere between the two, there is the Self-consciousness which secretly thinks that it is pretty good, but shrinks like a Sensitive Plant from the breath of criticism. Of this last type a perfect specimen was Gifford Hopkins, the local poet of Oxbow Village, whom Oliver Wendell Holmes knew, and described in "The Guardian Angel." For the Self-consciousness of vanity we need not seek illustrations from literature, for we meet it every day, and twice and three times a day. It is noteworthy that this form of the disease attacks with equal virulence the Athlete and the Scholar. For the former case we may cite the reply attributed to a famous cricketer when congratulated on his scores for All England—"Yes. I'm awfully glad for the governor's sake; when a man's in politics it does him a lot of good to have his son talked about." For the latter, that of the Senior Wrangler who entering the theatre at the same moment as the King, bowed his acknowledgments right and left. The Self-consciousness of humility is purely pitiable. The youth who, entering a room, imagines that everyone is mentally criticising him and noting that his coat does not fit or that his trousers are not accurately crooked, undergoes torments which should draw tears from every Christian eye. For his sad case the only cure is to emerge from "colerics" and plunge into general society, for there he will soon learn that nobody cares a brass farthing about his looks, his dress, or his talk—a humiliating discovery, perhaps, but bracing and salutary in a high degree. The bacillus common to all these forms of the disease is the tendency to think about oneself instead of worthier objects—people one meets or the thing one is doing.

So much for self-consciousness in life now let us consider Self-consciousness in literature. "She listens to herself while she speaks," was a French description of a Self-conscious woman. "He reads himself while he writes," might be the description of a Self-conscious author. It has been dreadfully suggested that all writers do this, with greater or less intensity. So it may be; for the secrets of the literary heart will never be laid bare. But, granting that they all commit the same fault, some can conceal it, and some proclaim it

in every line they write. The Self-conscious authors are those of whom one feels perfectly certain that they weigh and measure every word they write, fit it with infinite care into what they believe to be its proper place, and stop at the end of each paragraph to ask themselves, "How does that read? Has it the proper cadence? Can't I discover some more outlandish word, some more impressive periphrasis?" Not thus, I wrote Newman and Arnold and Chubb and Froude and Stanley. Not thus Sydney Smith and Walter Scott. Not thus the divine Burke. Not thus (to cite a living instance) Mr. George Trevelyan, when he was describing the Retreat from Rome and the death of Anita. All these are men who make one feel as one reads them that they simply wrote thoughts of their heart, and wrote them in the words which came handiest, without a moment's pause to consider sound or structure or effect, and that the peerless beauty to which they constantly attain was due to what, for want of a less theological word, we must call Inspiration.

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Bishop Charles H. Brent of the Philippines, has contributed to the Art and Life series (Hachsch) a study of "The Sixth Sense," or mystic sense, by which he means the power of perceiving and appropriating the spiritual and ideal qualities that accompany the various phases of experience.

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PLAIN SPEECH.

Few men in public life have had a task of more difficulty to perform than that which has just fallen to the lot of Mr. Winston Churchill. We made a similar remark some little time ago in referring to Sir Edward Grey's famous speech on the Morocco incident, but we are disposed to believe that, difficult as was the position in which the Secretary for State for Foreign Affairs found himself, that from which Mr. Churchill has emerged with blushing honours thick upon him was still more embarrassing. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Churchill nearly succeeded in fanning to flame the smouldering fires of Unionist discontent in Ulster; he put the country to a considerable amount of expense merely to gratify a petty ambition to stand in the limelight as a man of implacable courage and resolution. The Unionist members of the House of Commons do not love him any the better for that bit of theatricalism, and it may be assumed that Mr. Churchill delivered his speech on the naval estimates to a House that was largely unsympathetic and disposed to be maliciously critical. And the lack of sympathy and spirit of criticism was certainly not confined to the Unionist benches. Mr. Churchill has few friends.

These things being taken into consideration Mr. Churchill's speech must be acclaimed as a veritable triumph. His handling of the delicate subject of the relations of Great Britain and Germany has won for him plaudits from sections of the Home Press that seldom find anything to praise in the public performances of Mr. Winston Churchill. Perhaps it was thought that Mr. Churchill would take the opportunity to explain away the reference to Germany made at Belfast, which it was held, had embarrassed Lord Haldane, and was in short regarded as a "blazing indiscretion." Instead of doing anything of the kind Mr. Churchill justified his outspokenness by being still more outspoken. For the first time, a responsible British Minister has expressed in clear terms the position which exists between Great Britain and Germany, and has defined Great Britain's attitude without subterfuge or equivocation. This is the distinguishing feature of the speech; the courageous dropping of the ambiguous phrases about "another Power," "our naval rival," and terms of the sort with which public men in both countries have hitherto pretended to cloak their meaning. We say pretended, because everyone knew what country was meant; it was only a stupid clinging to out-of-date precedents which prevented the use of clear and explicit terms. Mr. Churchill has risen superior to tradition and has spoken in the plain, straight-forward language that is loved of the people, and is, in verity, the highest eloquence.

It is not our intention here and now to consider in detail the policy outlined in the speech. It is sufficient for the moment to note that Mr. Churchill has, on behalf of His Majesty's Government offered to Germany the possibility of lessening the burden of armaments without any diplomatic negotiations which might be deemed hurtful to the pride of either country. A frank and free invitation has been extended to cease from a competition that can apparently end only in the utter impoverishment of one or both of the countries, or in war, which would produce that impoverishment more rapidly. Will Germany accept the invitation in the spirit in which it is offered?

DAY BY DAY.

The measure of our sincerity is the amount we will hazard in the defence of what we believe to be right.

To-day's Paper.

Mr. Asquith's speech explaining the legislation by which it is hoped to terminate the Cont. Strike will be found on page 1. On page 3 is the Book World and on page 8 an article on cultured football experts.

In the course of a fight in a house in Stanley Street yesterday, a Chinese was stabbed with a pair of scissors.

At the magistracy this morning a man was fined \$10 or fourteen days for having in his possession two daggers for which he had no permit.

Two dead bodies have been recovered from the Harbour. In both instances death was due to small-pox. Other bodies were found in Yau-nati and the Western district.

We understand that there will be a sitting of the full court at the Courts of Justice on Friday to hear a motion for leave to appeal to the Privy Council in the celebrated Lai Chi-chin case concerning a claim for alleged wrongful imprisonment.

As the result of a quarrel, which took place between two Chinese yesterday in a house in Connaught Road, one of the men had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. During the row a chopper was used and the wrist of one of the combatants was badly cut.

Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping for 1911 shows that the total addition of steam tonnage during the year was 1,334,387 tons gross and of sailing tonnage 21,864 tons gross. Of the tonnage added to the register about 92.34 per cent. consists of new vessels, practically all built in the United Kingdom. The number of steamers on the official register of the United Kingdom has increased by 244, and the tonnage by 179,904 tons, while the number of sailing vessels has decreased 254 and the tonnage by 141,687.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commander C. W. Beckwith, Ho Hoo and Ho Kam-yang, masters of trading junks, were summoned for unlawfully mooring their boats within 100 yards of the low water mark, within a prohibited area and during prohibited hours. A fine of \$20 was imposed in each case. Leong I, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of failing to licence his boat was cautioned and discharged.

Fire on a Lighter. Spontaneous combustion is supposed to have been responsible for an outbreak of fire which took place on a lighter, in the Harbour, yesterday. The lighter belonged to the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Company, and was laden with cotton. The company's engine was requisitioned and the fire was extinguished by employees. The lighter, which had been lying alongside the S.S. Hongkong at a buoy in the central fireway, was damaged considerably, but the cargo was saved but little.

NAVAL NEWS.

H.M.S. Hawke leaves on Friday for Woosung and Nanking.

H.M.S. Moorhen left to-day for the West River.

H.M.S. Cambrian left last night for Shanghai.

H.M.S. Waterwitch is commissioned for further service on the China Station.

UNIVERSITY BAZAAR.

We are informed that the entire apparatus of the Scenic Railway, which has been one of the most popular features of the Bazaar, is to be sold by public auction at Mr. G. P. Lammer's sales rooms on Saturday next. It is hoped that this sale will add a material sum to the fund.

THE SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Charges of Assault.

At the Magistracy this afternoon Mr. Irving had before him six Chinese named Ip Chun-san, Ting Luk, Lan Shu-fau, Chu Lui, Leung Ngok and Sun I, charged with assaulting Lukong 958 on the steamship Sui An on February 28, whilst in the execution of his duty. The first defendant was also charged with doing grievous bodily harm to the Lukong.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. E. K. D'Almada, appeared for the second, third, fourth and fifth named defendants, and Mr. R. A. Harding appeared for the first.

Mr. Harding stated that there was a cross-summons against the Lukong for assault.

Lukong 958 said he was on duty at 7 a.m. on Feb. 28, with the late L. S. Attwell, on board the steamer Sui An. He was searching passengers for arms. He was continuing his search when he came to a woman who refused to be searched and she used abusive language towards him. As she refused to allow of a search he called the late police officer. The officer, who was about ten feet away, came up and requested her to allow the search to be made. She declined and abused the officer. He caught her by the sleeve so as to make her get up from where she was sitting. A big crowd then gathered around him (witness) and the dead officer. The crowd said, "Strike the foreign devil." One of the defendants, who had since died, snatched an iron bar (the Lukong) had in his hand and struck Attwell on the head. He bled profusely. "He (witness) was also struck on the hand. He had the iron bar thrust into baggage to feel if there was anything hard inside. He also lost his hat and truncheon which was snatched from him. The officer and himself ran away. They went on to the second deck of the vessel. The crowd did not follow them on to the upper deck. He saw the defendants now arraigned before the bench. The first defendant after the assault remained on the wharf. He also struck witness and the dead officer with a piece of iron. He saw defendant too there. He was one who gathered round the officers. The same applied to the remainder. He saw the first five defendants assault Attwell as well as the deceased. As they tried to arrest the defendants the whole of the crowd that had assembled in the vicinity endeavoured to rescue those under arrest. Attwell fired to protect himself. They eventually got the prisoners to the station.

Cross examined by Mr. Potter witness said that there were no trouble on board until he examined the baggage of the woman mentioned. He did not mix her belongings with others on the deck. It was a common thing to examine luggage, and the procedure did not as a rule cause any attraction or excitement. The woman was sitting on the deck when the deceased sergeant came up to her and caught her by the sleeve, telling her at the same time that if she did not allow the search she would be arrested. When the sergeant pulled the woman's sleeve the crowd thought he had assaulted her. The only person he saw with a weapon was the deceased defendant who snatched the bar from him. He would not admit that defendants two, three, four, and five were not concerned in the assault. They rolled up their sleeves and prepared for fight, saying "strike." They were about five feet away from Attwell and did certainly assault the sergeant; they struck him with their fists. He did not see any marks on the sergeant for which they were responsible. The blow with the iron bar was not the only blow the dead officer received.

Witness said that he could not say really whether they struck him or not. They were round the officer, waving their arms as though they were going to strike. He further stated that he was not struck, but an attempt was made.

Mr. Potter:—Why did you tell his Worship that they struck you?

Witness:—Attempted to strike. Proceeding.

SEIZED BY MISTAKE.

A Case of Curious Execution.

An unusual case came before the Puisse Judge, sitting in summary jurisdiction this morning, when the Ohun Hing firm, of 85 Queen's Road, sued Hazara Singh, described as a money lender to recover the sum of \$1,000 for damages alleged to have been suffered by the wrongful seizure of plaintiff's goods and chattels at 58 Des Vaux Road, under a writ of execution issued at the instance of the defendant, whereby plaintiffs were deprived of their goods. They also claimed costs incurred.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. P. X. D'Almada for the defence. In their pleadings the defence stated that the seizure was a mistake on the part of the bailiff, who seized the wrong premises.

Mr. P. H. Howell, formerly chief bailiff to the Supreme Court, was called on subpoena and spoke to having seized some sewing machines on the plaintiff's premises.

Mr. Howell raised a point, prior to his giving testimony, as to the payment of witnesses. He pointed out that he was no longer in the government service and claimed that he was entitled to the sum of \$15 for attendance in court. At home a witness was entitled to 15/- or £1.10.

The Puisse Judge:—In what capacity?—For appearing in court.

As a member of the public?—For expenses of attending.

Mr. Gardiner:—It is not the practice of the court to reward a witness for attending.

The Puisse Judge (to Mr. Howell):—Do you want to be paid reasonable expenses?—I don't think \$15 is unreasonable. Where do you live?—In Wong-neichong.

I will tell you what I will do. I will make an order that you are entitled to reasonable expenses, and I will leave the amount with the Registrar.

Mr. Howell:—I will accept that.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that the plaintiffs had not suffered any damage by reason of the action of the defendant.

His Lordship:—That is a question of law.

Continuing Mr. D'Almada said that there was no damage and all that plaintiffs could recover was their costs.

His Lordship:—I think a part of the claim is for what a famous document calls moral damages.

Mr. D'Almada:—One cent my Lord.

His Lordship:—Supposing I find against you, are you prepared to put an apology in one of the Chinese papers?

Yes, my lord, I am prepared to apologise here in court for the bailiff's mistake and I shall be prepared to put an apology in the Chinese papers which my friend will draft.

Judgment was reserved.

HUGHES COMEDY COMPANY.

"Society."

Night after night the productions staged at the Victoria Theatre under the auspices of Hughes American Musical Comedy Company, have convulsed large audiences with laughter.

"Society" was presented last night, and though not quite up to the standard of "The Speculators," and a "Night Off" was thoroughly enjoyed. Messrs. Paul Stanhope and Bert Le Blanc simply brought down the house by their drollery and their ideas of banking and their conception of commerce and manners. Madame Pearl Lloyd sang very well indeed and was many times re-called. In the duet "Because You're You" this lady and Mr. O. Lydston were a great success.

On Saturday, both afternoon and evening, "The Gay Mrs. Dollar" will be presented, and on Sunday at the matinee the gay lady will again have her fling. In the evening "Society" will be re-produced.

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

At the Magistracy, this afternoon, Mr. Melbourne committed Abdul Rashid, a motor mechanic, for trial at the Assizes on a charge of manslaughter. Rashid is alleged to have killed a man by knocking him down with a car.

FIGHTING AT CANTON.

Government Troops Victorious.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date March 19:—

Severe fighting broke out this morning near Whampoa between the Government troops and the disaffected soldiers of Wong Wo-shun, who had taken possession of the forts at Yuchu, Whampoa, and Boca Tigris. After a severe encounter, the Government troops gained the upper hand and re-captured the forts.

It is reported that when the fighting commenced, the foreign steamers had to shift their berths, while some had to turn back instead of proceeding to Whampoa. It is also reported that Chan Kwang-ming, the Governor-General, had received instructions from President Yuan Shih-kai to attack and disperse these revolutionary soldiers.

March 20.

In consequence of this further outbreak, vessels running between Hongkong and Canton have had to take up different anchorage at the latter port. Masters of vessels leaving Canton were ordered to proceed down the river with great caution, but those arriving in Hongkong have reported that everything seems quiet, though soldiers are still standing by the guns at Whampoa.

Our correspondent continues:—

From another source I learn that ever since the defeat of Wong Wo-shun by the regular forces in Canton, considerable dissatisfaction has prevailed among Wong Wo-shun's troops who were guarding the Yuchu forts. The Governor General got knowledge of their discontent, and in anticipation of the trouble which might be created by them, he despatched the Government troops to Whampoa to remove their dissatisfaction.

On the arrival of these troops at the camps of Wong's men the latter mistook the Government's troops' movement and thought that they designed to take over the Yuchu forts. They at once called for the assistance of their compatriots and fired. A serious engagement ensued. The news of the trouble was quickly telegraphed to the Governor-General, who at once ordered General Luo Chai-kwong to proceed to the scene with the four gunboats under his command, the Kiang-tai, Kiang-ohing, Kiang-kung and Kiang-ku. Being encouraged by the assistance of the gunboats, the Government troops fought bravely, and as the disaffected soldiers of Wong Wo-shun could not withstand the firing from the gunboats they yielded.

When the trouble broke out, the foreign employees in the customs at Whampoa were endangered, but they managed to escape to Canton.

THE FAMINE.

Mr. Sparling of the Canadian Methodist Mission, who is engaged in distributing food under the direction of the Famine Relief Committee in North Kiangsu reports that during the three days of heavy rain last week three hundred persons died in the township where he is working.

Dr. J. B. Woods, the Famine Relief Committee's superintendent for North Kiangsu, reports in the vicinity of Tsingkiangpu 48,160 people, of whom something over 10,000 are able to work at digging drainage ditches. They are now working at the points, and he expects to begin at two more places in seven days.

At the meeting of the Famine Relief Committee in Shanghai on Friday, March 8, \$20,000 additional was voted for this district, and it will be possible to extend the work and save a larger number of people. It is utterly out of the question, however, with the limited funds at present on hand to meet the situation.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Barnes's Brilliant Bowling.

Mr. F. R. Foster, the young Warwickshire cricketer, in a letter to his parents after the second test match, writes enthusiastically of the bowling of Barnes. "I have never before seen such bowling as Barnes's in the first innings," he says. "Just think, on a perfect wicket, and, mind you, a wicket fifty times as good as the best of our wickets at Edgbaston, he got five of the cream of the Australian batsmen out for six runs. It was magnificent. By the time you get this letter you will know pretty well who is likely to win the rubber, and I shall be very much surprised if we do not bring back the coveted ashes." After referring to the perfect Australian wicket, he adds, "so you can well understand why it is heart-breaking work for the bowlers. I account for my success by just keeping a good length, my quickness from the pitch, and swerving. When a batsman like Vic. Trumper, acknowledged everywhere as the finest bat in the world, says, 'Well bowled' on his way back to the pavilion, then that is praise indeed. I shall never bowl better than I bowled in the second innings in the second Test here in Melbourne."

The Position of Sun.

A popular silly season topic in the American Press is the question "What shall we do with our ex-Presidents?" A similar problem is confronting China at the present moment. What is to be done with Dr. Sun Yat-sen? That gentleman was unanimously chosen Provisional President and he very generously made way for Yuan Shih-kai when the latter's acceptance of the post became possible. Republics are proverbially ungrateful, but it would certainly seem that China should make some provision for the man who is credited with having perfected the plans for the revolution. Whether he is entitled to as much credit as his admirers believe or not, he has certainly been an influence in the regeneration of China, and it would be shabby conduct on the part of New China, to forget his services. Some honourable position in the service of the Republic should be offered him, and there are reasons which suggest that the ministerial post in London or Washington would be particularly congenial. As Minister in either of those centres, Dr. Sun's wide knowledge of local conditions would render him acceptable to the nation to which he was accredited, and invaluable to the Government which he represented.

Going the Rounds.

It is amazing how newspaper yarns keep moving round the world for years. Quite a time ago a colleague of ours set ageing a tale of the London waiter who presented a bill bearing the letters "H. & R." and who was haughtily indignant when asked to explain what it meant. "Why, ha! ha! ha! and raisins!" he replied crushingly. That story has gone the rounds well and our colleague is unable to escape from it anywhere, go where he may. For about the hundredth time, too, we have just run across the alleged notice, which the alleged proprietors of an alleged Siam newspaper are alleged to have issued. There never was such an announcement except in the fertile brain of the wit who first sent the yarn to a newspaper. We ran across it years and years ago and we have been meeting it regularly ever since. It is full time that it received decent interment.

R. H. K. Y. C.

Saturday's Racing.

The commodore of the club, Mr. A. Denison, presented three handsome cups to be raced for on Saturday last: one for the Handicap Class, one for the Ome Design Class and one for the Dinghy Class.

The handicap class started at 1.15 p.m., and the course was North Fairway Buoy (star), Treas Rock Buoy (star), Mark Boat on starting line (port), Kowloon Rock (star), Channel Rocks (star), and home; in all 13 miles. The weather, which for some time past had been damp and miserable, was considerably brighter on Saturday. The wind, which was from the north-east in the eastern portion of the harbour, was westerly in the western portion.

Five boats competed, viz.:—Dione, Iris, Colleen, Dorothea and Kathleen. A fresh breeze carried them to off Tsim-tai-tui, where they were becalmed, but Dione and Colleen, skilfully sailed, successfully negotiated the calm and rounded the North Fairway Buoy ahead of the rest, Dione leading Colleen by about half a minute. On the reach to Treas Rock Buoy Dione hauled up close to Stour cutters and gained considerably by so doing, and when she reached the Mark Boat on the starting line was some ten minutes ahead of Colleen, Dorothea and Kathleen bringing up the rear. On rounding the Mark Boat Dione carried away her mainsheet, but this was quickly repaired and she completed her course, and won the race easily, Colleen was 2nd, Dorothea 3rd and Kathleen 4th. Iris gave up.

In the Ome Design Class three boats started, viz.: Bonito 11, Daphne, and Halcyon. The course was North Fairway Buoy (star), Mark Boat on starting line (port), Kowloon Rock (star), Channel Rocks (star).

The start was made at 1.15 p.m. These boats also encountered the calm off Tsim-tai-tui, Bonito stung out a long lead and maintained her advantage throughout.

Daphne rounded the Mark Boat on starting line slightly ahead of Halcyon, but before the Dock Point was reached Halcyon had passed into 2nd place. She could not, however, get anywhere near Bonito, who won very easily.

Four dinghies started at 2.30 p.m.—one, No. 3, about half an hour later; the others were Joan Sprite and No. 5. The course was Cret Rocks Buoy (star), Kowloon Rock (star). Sprite made a good race of it and won comfortably, Joan 2nd, No. 5 3rd and No. 3 gave up.

The times of finishing were:—Handicap Class.

	Actual.	Corrected.
Dione.....	5 12 5	5 12
Colleen.....	5 12 36	5 5 01
Dorothea.....	5 17 49	5 9 09
Kathleen.....	5 18 50	5 11 15

One Design Class:—		
Bonito ..	4 40	45
Halcyon ..	4 50	08
Daphne ..	4 56	27
Dinghy Class:—		
Sprit ..	4 25	35
Joan ..	4 32	20
No. 5 ..	5 2	00

When the races were over Mr. and Mrs. Denison were at home to the members and their friends, and after tea was partaken of Mrs. Denison presented the cups to the winners, viz.: Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Dione; Mr. L. G. Bird, Bonito; Mr. O. S. B. Rowe, Sprite. Three cheers for Mr. Mrs. and Miss Denison brought the proceedings to a close.

Mr. John Mann, who has died at Yarmouth, had been sexton and cemetery superintendent for the past forty-two years, and personally officiated at over 30,000 interments.

Messrs. Pethick Brothers, of Plymouth and London, have secured a contract for the Hudson Bay and Pacific Railway Development Company for the construction of docks, granaries, station-yard buildings, etc., at Port Churchill, Hudson Bay. The amount of the contract is one and a half million pounds, and the works are to be started within twelve weeks. The Hudson Bay Company hold a concession from the Dominion Government.

FIGHTING AT SWATOW.

Bandit Chief's Successes.

A correspondent writes from Swatow under date March 19:—

The situation here now is that Lim and his troops occupy all the forts and strategical positions in and around the town after his victorious fight of Friday last. Perhaps to hark back a little would render this position more easily understood. Lim himself is a man of doubtful character, having done a term of two years' imprisonment in this very town, and if local gossip is correct he is nothing more nor less than a bandit with an armed force behind him. Being quite unauthorised from Canton he collected a body of men, presumably of his own calibre, armed them with very fine Japanese rifles, and to Swatow he came on board the s.s. Kumohow, which was ordered out of the port by the British Consul, as she was flying the British flag and was carrying troops for the disturbance of the general peace. The prime object of this expedition was to extort money from the merchants of the place for the support of the revolution, or himself—the latter was the most likely. Having been ordered out of the port he eventually landed his men at a point about eighty miles south and marched overland and arrived at Chong-ang early the week before last. Hearing of Lim's intention of still coming to Swatow Cheung sent over some of the Swatow defence troops to prevent his coming and to attack him. This they did as far as the attacking went only, but as soon as Cheung's men found the bullets were coming uncomfortably close from places that they could not see, they took to their heels and fled, throwing their small two and half inch Krupp gun into the creek; as it was rather a trouble to get along.

Having gained Chong-ang, nothing was now to prevent Lim from taking his men over to Swatow by junk. This was accomplished, but although only 200 men arrived to start with, nothing was done by the Swatow troops to expel these men who actually took and occupied the law courts. The remainder of Lim's men arrived in small numbers until he had a force of over 1,000 men.

On Friday came the climax which brought about the present situation. At about 3 o'clock about 150 of Lim's men were marching up to the railway station, where arrangements had been made with the railway company for quartering them in the railway quarters. By the train from Chong-ang about 150 to 200 of Cheung's men came down and were told that Lim's men were going to fight them. They marched from the station, and on arriving at the bridge over the river met Lim's men with the banner in front. The firing then commenced down the street, Lim's men taking to the open ground to the east of the street, where they took up positions behind walls and graves. Hearing the firing Cheung's men in the barracks or yamen next the Kialat Club swarmed out through the Roman Catholic compound and commenced firing on Lim's men.

The fighting then became general throughout the town and streets were barricaded and the usually populous thoroughfares became empty as if by magic. Having got Lim's men divided the wonder is that they managed to win the day. The reason may be explained that the Swatow troops were in a state of "blue funk" and ran as soon as their fire was returned from any position. At the north east of the water tower the Swatow men were in an excellent position from which they commanded a fine field of fire occupied by about two hundred men. Thirty of Lim's men advanced across the open ground in front, very few being hit, right up to the wall only to find that the two hundred had fled. Another instance of the state of funk the Swatow troops were in, was shown by the way in which 200 men occupying the old fort against the mission were dislodged by ten of Lim's men only, who attacked with hand grenades. Only one man inside the fort was killed and the ten men got into find that the defenders had fled by the back into the city. By six

o'clock general chaos and confusion reigned with the Swatow troops, who ran for their lives along the Kialat road to the old circular fort about a mile and a half out. Early next morning this was evacuated, Cheung's men retiring, or fleeing would be the better word, towards Ching Hai.

The Saturday morning saw the execution of three men on the edge of the praya at Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's lower Godowns. These men were pushed into the water with their hands tied and shot while in the water. Later in the day a man was led out to be shot, but as he would not stand still he could not be shot, so he was bayoneted and thrown into the water in front of the mission. The editor of the local Chinese paper was taken prisoner with the "devils" and shot, only two or three of these, the juniors, being set free.

While the disturbance was going on the American ships Monitor and Monterey landed a party of armed men with two machine guns and occupied the Customs Sorting Shed, while the Japanese troops at both ends of the place occupied the Japanese Post Office, the Taiwan Bank, the German, French and Japanese Consulates.

The railway is not running now, as the fleeing Swatow troops tore up the road, fearing pursuit to Chou-chou-fu.

Three thousand troops are now marching down from Chou-chou-fu to attack Lim; and it was reported last night that he was mustering about three miles from here. Probably these men will wait until General Woo, with his 1,500 men and gunboat arrive from Canton. The natives are clearing out of the city by hundreds, as Lim has threatened to set Swatow on fire.

Some very narrow escapes were made by Europeans, the most wonderful being Mrs. von Borch's (the wife of the German Consul). She had just got up from a chair in which she had been sitting when a bullet pierced the back. Most of the houses along the Kialat Road were badly peppered at the back by stray bullets.

BILLIARDS.

Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament

The more games were decided between the Sergeants of the K.O.Y.L.I. and 83 Company R.G.A. on Tuesday evening, the Gunners increasing their lead by 70 points. Gunner Cane and Sergt. Justice were the first pair. The former won by 24, his best breaks being 21, 15, 12 (3 times), 10, 18 and 11, the highest breaks of Sergt. Justice being 10, 15, 11, 14, and 32 (the last being the highest break of the tournament). The next two were Colour Sergt. Boone and Gunner Groombridge. The Gunner won by 46, making breaks of 20, 14 and 12. Colour Sergt. Boone's best efforts being 13, 15 and 11.

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Sergt. Justice ..	...	226
Colour Sergt. Boone ..	...	204
83 Company R.G.A.		
Gunner Cane ..	...	250
Gunner Groombridge ..	...	250

DON'T FORGET.

Wednesday, March 20.
Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Club, 5.15.
Hughes Musical Comedy Co., Victoria Theatre 9.15.
Bijou Theatre 9.15.
Thursday, March 21.
The Gondoliers, Hongkong A. D. C., City Hall, p.m.
Friday, March 22.
21st Half Yearly Drawing of Debentures, Hongkong Club.
The Gondoliers.
Saturday, March 23.
The Gondoliers.
Monday, March 25.
Annual Meeting China Sugar Refining Co., noon.
Annual Meeting Luzon Sugar Refining Co., 12.15 p.m.
The Gondoliers.
Tuesday, March 26.
The Gondoliers.
Wednesday, March 27.
The Gondoliers.
March 30.
Twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., 11.30 a.m.

THE SURVEYOR'S PONY.

Claim for Damages.

An interesting case was heard by the Pains Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning, when Mr. Harold West, living at Tai-po, claimed \$100 from the management of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, being the value of a pony alleged to have been killed by the negligence of the defendant's or their servants.

Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. J. H. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the defence.

Dealing with a technicality which he alleged the defence had not observed Mr. Goldring remarked that the point raised was of importance.

"This is in the nature of a test case," he remarked.

His Honour:—Is this likely to happen very often?

Mr. Goldring:—I believe it has happened very often, but this is the first time it has been brought to Court.

Mr. Goldring said that the plaintiff was employed in the Public Works Department as a surveyor, and in the course of his work he used certain ponies. It had been the practice to allow the ponies used by the surveyors to graze on ground which belonged to the crown and adjoined the railway.

His Lordship:—You don't claim a prescriptive right to graze there?—Well I do my Lord.

His Lordship:—That is rather a large order.

Continuing Mr. Goldring said that in the fence to the line there was a gate, which he would prove was always open, and in fact had no no fastening. The pony appeared to have got on to the line and to have been frightened by a train running into Kowloon. The pony ran along the bank and reached an unfenced place where the animal fell in the stream below and was killed.

His Lordship:—You say if the pony got on the line it was their duty to see that he came to no harm?

Mr. Goldring:—There are two duties. They should see that there was no opportunity to get on the line and secondly that they should keep the fence in good order.

He submitted that return fencing should be erected to guard the sudden drop into the stream.

His Lordship, after hearing evidence, reserved judgment.

ANCIENT CAMBODJA.

Its History Traced in Monumental Inscriptions.

Sir Chas. Eliot, Principal of the Hongkong University, gave a lantern lecture on The History and Monuments of Cambodia to the members of the Royal Asiatic Society. The superiority of Cambodian art, he said, was doubtless due to the fact that the country had enjoyed long periods of peace. The monuments and inscriptions found in Cambodia gave a fairly continuous history of the country from the sixth to the fifteenth centuries, and the persons who wrote the Sanskrit inscription about the year 600 probably came over from the Deccan, having embarked at Madras. The capital of Cambodia, Angkor Thom, and Angkor Wat, the great temple, both contained magnificent specimens of architecture. These places were surrounded by a number of gigantic edifices which were at present covered with jungle. When one visited these buildings in the jungle one saw a glimpse of dim corridors and doors surrounded by great faces peering through the trees. The greatest monument of all was the vast temple at Angkor Wat, which had probably never been abandoned. The French archaeologists had cleared away all the undergrowth, and it now looked like an unused rather than a ruined temple.

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 MANILA ... YUENSANG* ... Saturday, 23rd Mar., 2 p.m.
 SHANGHAI ... CHOYSANG* ... Sunday, 24th Mar., D'light.
 MOJI ... NANSANG* ... Friday, 20th Mar., Noon.
 MANILA ... LONOSANG* ... Saturday, 30th Mar., 2 p.m.
 SINGAPORE, PENANG ... FOOSANG* ... Monday, 1st April, Noon.

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 The steamers "Kut-ang," "Nansang" and "Fookwang" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.
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 LONDON ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP ... FLINTSHIRE* ... 10th May.

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 The Company's Steamship, "SUI AN"

will depart from the Company's WING LOK WHARF at 9 A.M. Departure from Macao at 5 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.
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Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, KAOA MARU, COLOMBO, SOERABAYA & PORT SAID	MISHIMA MARU, Capt. A. B. Moore, T. 9,000 KAOA MARU, Capt. M. Hagino, T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 27th Mar., D'light. WEDNESDAY, 10th April, Daylight

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OHI, & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU, Capt. S. Wada, T. 7,000 SANUKI MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 26th March, at Noon. TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	KUMAKURA MARU, Capt. K. Kon, T. 7,000	SATURDAY, 23rd Mar., from KOBÉ

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Saio, T. 5,000	FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon. WEDNESDAY, 10th April, Noon.

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU, Capt. T. Yamazaki, T. 7,000	THURSDAY, 28th March, at 11 A.M.

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
NASKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th April, at Noon.

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
SHANGHAI & KOBÉ	JINSEN MARU, Capt. Maehida, T. 4,000	MONDAY, 26th March.

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
SHANGHAI & MOJI & KOBÉ	TOSA MARU, Capt. T. Sato, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 27th March.

Regular fortnightly service from Kobs to Calcutta calling at Hongkong, Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
 The next steamer to sail from Hongkong:
 KIRIN MARU ... Tons 4,000 ... Capt. Deguchi, ... March 28th.

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 ATSUTA MARU 9,000 Wm. Thompson April 24th
 HITACHI MARU 7,000 T. Yamazaki May 8th
 MIYASAKI MARU 9,000 T. Murai May 22nd

FOR SEATTLE.
 TAMBA MARU 7,000 S. Wada Mar. 26th
 SANUKI MARU 7,000 T. Ishikawa April 9th
 AWA MARU 7,000 T. Iizawa April 23rd
 INABA MARU 7,000 S. Tomioka May 21st

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.
 For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Charter Road.
 T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
 For Steamship To Sail

Destinations	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	21st Mar., 4 P.M.

Destinations	Steamers	To Sail
HAIPHONG (calls Hoibow for mails only)	"SUNGKIANG"	23rd, 10 A.M.

Destinations	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	23rd, M'night.

Destinations	Steamers	To Sail
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TEAN"	26th, 4 P.M.

Destinations	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	28th, 4 P.M.

Destinations	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	30th, M'night.

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 These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.
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 OUTWARD.
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 " O. F. LAEISZ 2nd April
 " SITHONIA ... 10th April
 " SCANDIA ... 26th April
 " BAYERN ... 2nd May.
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HOMEWARD.
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 S.S. SUEVIA ... 24th Mar.
 For Marseilles, Rotterdam & Hamburg:
 S.S. PREUSSEN ... 24th Mar.
 For Havre & Hamburg:
 S.S. BELORAVIA ... 7th April
 For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg:
 S.S. SACHSEN ... 27th April
 For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:
 S.S. O. J. D. ABLERS ... 5th May.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1912.

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LOG BOOK.

Coast Officer's Gazette.

(From the "Leading Light," March 15).

Mr. T. Hinde, from leave, has gone second officer, Irene.

Mr. N. Hood, second engineer, Irene, is awaiting orders.

Mr. S. O. Mitford, from leave, has gone acting chief officer, Taisang.

Mr. S. Findelson, chief officer, Taisang, is on leave.

Mr. R. Baillie, third engineer, Kwongsang, has gone third engineer, Taisang.

Mr. L. McWilliams, third engineer, Taisang, has gone third engineer, Kwongsang.

Mr. E. B. Paton, second officer, Esang, has gone second officer, Kwongsang.

Mr. W. Hickford, from leave, has gone chief officer, Taisang.

Mr. T. R. Sayle, acting chief officer, Taisang, has gone second officer, Esang.

Captain J. H. Smith, of the Lionshing, has gone master of the Wosang.

Captain Campbell, of the Wosang, has gone master of the Lionshing.

Mr. A. R. C. Newburgh, acting second officer, Taisang, has gone second officer, Choyang.

Mr. E. M. Evans, second officer, Choyang, has gone second officer, Taisang.

Mr. M. A. Valada, night pilot, Luen-ho, has resigned.

Mr. E. B. Ackerman, from leave, has gone supernumerary third engineer, Choyang.

Mr. J. Snowden, third engineer, Yunnan, is on leave.

Mr. W. Stephen, from leave, has gone third engineer, Yunnan.

Mr. G. Cormack, second engineer, Anhui, is on leave.

Mr. R. Fox, third engineer, Anhui, is acting second engineer same steamer.

Mr. J. A. Morton has been appointed acting third engineer, Anhui.

Mr. T. Murray, from leave, has gone chief engineer, Tatung.

Mr. J. Baxter, acting chief engineer, Tatung, has gone second engineer, Hoihow.

Mr. H. Dalgleish, acting second engineer, Hoihow, has gone supernumerary third engineer, Hein Peking.

Mr. P. R. Parslow, chief officer, Kansu, has gone chief officer, Peking.

Mr. H. Somme, chief officer, Chennan, has gone acting master, Luen Yi.

Mr. W. J. Froer, chief officer, Peking, has gone chief officer, Chennan.

Mr. D. Thebaud, late Indo-China, has been appointed master of the Hye Leong.

Mr. W. Gamblin, late Kowloon Wharf, has been appointed chief officer, Hye Leong.

Mr. H. Spencer, late second officer, Hopsang, has been appointed chief officer, Malacca.

Mr. O. H. Spittle, late supernumerary, Hopsang, has been appointed chief officer, Hongbee.

At the Pasteur Institute a scarcity of guinea pigs has almost paralysed certain branches of research since last June. Every year at least 20,000 guinea pigs are sacrificed to the insatiable thirst for now scientific knowledge on the part of the scientists at the Pasteur Institute. The institute possesses a guinea-pig farm out in the country near Garoches, where some 10,000 guinea pigs are bred each year, at an average cost of 6d. per head. The remaining guinea pigs are bought from dealers at about a shilling each. This year, however, the farm has failed to produce its usual number, much to the regret of the ardent scientists. More than 20,000 mice, 15,000 rabbits, 10,000 rats, 500 monkeys of all descriptions and sizes, 400 dogs, 400 to 500 chickens, the same number of pigeons, a hundred cats, 50 goats, a hundred sheep, a hundred horses, a score of geese, and about 50 pigs—all, some 50,000 animals—are sacrificed yearly on the altar of science at the Pasteur Institute.

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**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION**

STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE.		CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.
BANKS..			
Hongkong & S'hai	\$125	\$856	\$25.50 at ex 1/10; equal to \$24.37 for year ending 31-12-11. \$2 equal \$23.33 for year ending 30 June 1911
MARINE INSURANCES:			
Cantons	\$50	\$194	b. \$16 for 1910
North China	\$5	\$150	Interim of 10/- for 1910
Unions	\$100	\$860	Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1909 and Interim of \$30 for 1910
Yangtze	\$50	\$210	\$12 for 1909 and Int. of \$3 on account of 1910
FIRE INSURANCES:			
China Fire	\$20	\$124	b. \$7 & b's of \$3 for 1910
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$332	\$27 for 1910
SHIPPING.			
China & Manilla	\$25	\$112	\$1 for 1908
Douglas Steamships	\$50	\$21	5 p.c. for year end'g 30-6-11
Steamships	\$15	\$201	Dividend of \$1 for half year ending 31-12-11
Indo-China (Preferred)	\$5	\$85 1/2	3% final making 6% for 1908 6% div. for 1909 on preferred shares
(Deferred)		30/6	1/- per share Coupon No 15 3/8 per share Coupon No. 16 for 1910.
"Shell" Transports	\$1	\$11 b.	Div. 7 p. c. for year end-Bon. 5 p. c. ing 30-4-11
"Star Ferry"	\$10	\$17 1/2	b. \$10 for 1910
REFINERIES.			
China Sugars	\$100	\$107	b. \$5 for 1897
Luzon Sugars	\$100	\$82	Interim of 1/- on account for year ending 28-2-11 (Coupon No.16)
MINING:			
Chinese Engineering	\$1	38/-	a.
Tronohs	\$1	70/-	b.
Raub	\$1	\$4	b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, & GODOWNS:			
Kowloon Wharfs	\$50	\$55	b.
H. K. & W'poo Docks	\$50	\$48	b.
Shanghai Docks	T. 100	T.56	
Hongkew Wharfs	T. 100	T.87	
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.			
Anglo French Lands	T.100	T.94	b.
Hongkong Hotels	\$50	\$104	b.
Hongkong Lands	\$100	\$88 1/2	b.
Humphreys Estates	\$10	\$100	b.
Kowloon Lands	\$30	\$84	b.
Shanghai Lands	T. 30	T.87	
West Point	\$50	\$58	b.
Manila M'pole Hotel	P.10	P.9.50	a.
COTTON MILLS:			
Ewos	T. 50	T.88	
Hongkong Cottons	\$10	\$5	b.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
China-Borneo	\$12	\$9 1/2	b.
Light and Powers	\$1	\$1.25	
Do. (Spec. shares)	\$1	\$7 1/2	
China Provident	\$10	\$20 1/2	b.
Dairy Farms	\$5	\$4.50	b.
Green Islands	\$10	\$21 1/2	b.
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$195	
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$17 ex. div. b.	
Hongkong Ropes	\$10	\$22	
Langkats	g. 10	T.74 1/2	
Morning Post	\$25	\$12	b.
Peak Tramway	\$10	\$1	\$1.10
Do. (new)	\$1	\$1.10	
Philippines	\$10	\$5 b.	
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$12b.	
Societe des Preferees	\$50	\$40	b.
Palpe et Papierettes du Tonkin	Benefit	\$400	
Shanghai-Semates	T. 20	T.110	
Steam Laundry	\$5	\$6	
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.....	\$10	\$10	
United Asbestos Founders Shares ...	\$10	\$300	
Union Waterboat	\$10	\$7 1/2	b.
Weismann, Ltd.	\$10	\$15 b.	
Watson	\$10	\$5 b.	
William Powell		\$5 b.	

Corrected to 3 p.m. March 20, 1912, by WRIGHT AND HORNBY, General Bankers, Queen's Building, Tel. address: 1100.

None

80 cents on fully paid shares and 2 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30-4-11

None

\$1.50 for 1910

First year

No dividend this year

50 cts. for year end'g 30-6-11

15 per cent. per ordinary share for year ending 31-5-1911

75 cents. per share for year ending 31-12-1911

10 per cent. for year ending 31-7-20

30 cents for 1910

LEARNED LEATHER-CHASERS.

Really Talented Professional Footballers.

When Charles Buchan, Sunderland's clever forward, leaves professional football, it will probably be to go to college. Before leaving Leyton Buchan won a scholarship entitling him to enter Cambridge University, and he is now pursuing his studies in preparation.

The ex-Leytonian is but one among several scholarly professional footballers. Of very similar attainments is his clubmate, Arthur Bridgett, who is credited with the intention of entering the ministry on his retirement from football. Already this famous international is well known as a lecturer on social and other subjects, his services being in great request, particularly among people in the North of England.

His friend and colleague, Colin Voith, of Newcastle United, who has done so much to raise the status of football, is a Bachelor of Arts, and former student at Rutherford College of Science.

Medical Goalkeepers.
William Kivlichan, late of Glasgow Celtic, and now with Bradford, took his M.A. degree before leaving Scotland, thus equalling the achievement of a former fellow-player in R. Hamilton.

Leslie Skene, late goalkeeper with Fulham, and now acting in the same capacity for a Belfast club, is a fully-fledged doctor, and proud of the fact that he paid his college fees out of his earnings as a professional footballer. L. Richmond, of the distinguished Welsh international, who has just thrown in his lot with Woolwich Arsenal, is a doctor.

In the sister profession of surgeon-dentist, Joseph McClarence became fully qualified while playing centre-forward for Bradford.

Of men who follow the dual professions of football and schoolmaster there are quite a number. Recently Sunderland had no fewer than four such in their team—Joseph Shaw, Edward Bell, Arthur Hordman, and J. W. Huggins. The three last-named are still playing with clubs in the Wearside district, and teaching in local schools at the same time.

Stanley Allan, the West Bromwich Albion pivot, and Chris. Duffy, the Bury winger, are also instances of schoolmaster-footballers. Strangely enough, both come from the same district and same previous club—Newcastle United. Duffy teaches in a school on Tyne-side, and travels to Bury, or wherever required to play, on Friday nights. Evelyn Lintott did the same when, as a London school-teacher, he joined Bradford City from Queen's Park Rangers.

Topham's Feet.
Of schoolmaster-footballers now retired, perhaps the best remembered is Richard Topham, who played outside-right for Wolverhampton Wanderers. At the local grounds one Saturday he sent a shot from just over the half-way line with such terrific force that it broke the thumb of a policeman on duty behind the goalposts.

Another famous teacher-footballer was John Brodie, a neighbour of Topham's, who played for the same club, and who afterwards became a celebrated referee.

The Church, too, is allied to leather-chasing, the most notable instance, probably, being that of the Rev. Kenneth Hunt, who now assists Leyton. As for football-journalists, their name is legion, and some of them make more out of their writing than they do out of football.

Bob Crompton, M. P.?
Crompton, of Blackburn Rovers, Lawrence of Newcastle United, and Flanders, of Derby County,

are also famous footballers who have distinguished themselves in other directions than the playing-pitch. Crompton is known all over Lancashire as a keen and enjoyable political debater, and many times it has been suggested that the football career of the famous international should be followed by one in Parliamentary life.

Lawrence, who was a whittish before taking to professional football, is an excellent musician and entertainer who would certainly make a success in the drawing-room or concert-hall, and there are many other players who could render a good account of themselves on the music-hall stage.

Last, but by no means least, Flanders, the Derby County back, has created a record by playing in Second League football when only sixteen years of age, and earning distinction as a scholar at the same time.

UNREST IN SIAM.

Revolutionary Plot.

The Bangkok "Daily Mail" of March 4 reports that a well prepared plot to overturn the present form of Government and establish a constitutional monarchy had been organised, and the plot was well on its way to execution when the secrets of the whole organisation were betrayed by one of its members. As a consequence a large number of arrests have been made, and a large number of papers, including a list of over three thousand names of those concerned in the conspiracy, have been seized. Many names on the list were of men in responsible positions and the spirit of rebellion had spread to many of the outlying provinces. One, Lieutenant Chin Um, on being arrested committed suicide by shooting himself through the body. Altogether nearly 200 arrests have been made. The situation, which was a very grave one, is now well in hand.

FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

A CHANCE FOR EVERY AMATEUR.

The proprietor of the "Hongkong Telegraph" has decided to continue during March his offer of two prizes for the best photographs submitted to the editor by amateur photographers, during the month.

The first prize is one of \$10 and the second is one of \$5.

It has been decided to widen the scope of the competition. To restrict it largely to active life in the Colony excludes many amateurs who are not yet experienced in this class of work. As the whole purpose of the competition is to stimulate interest in photography in Hongkong it has been felt better to remove all restriction on it.

Give Everyone a Chance.
Pictures of active life, then, pictures of still life, pictures recent or pictures taken months ago, pictures of life or scenes in Hongkong or pictures taken in any part of China, pictures taken at home—any picture, general or local, may be sent along if it possesses interest at all. With the competition of so comprehensive a character there is a chance for any amateur photographer in Hongkong to win one of the prizes. The rules of competition appeared in the issue of March 1.

Photographic Competition
Coupon.
March 20, 1912.

I agree to enter the photographic competition on the express understanding that the editor's decision shall be final, and that he may, at his discretion, use the print sent herewith either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or the "Weekly Telegraph."

Name.....
Address.....

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The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hupoh, Szechuan, Hunan, Kweichow and Tientsin.

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February 28. March 16.
March 2. March 19.

MAILS DUE.

German, Litzow, 21st inst.
American, Korea, 22nd inst.
American, Siberia, 1st prox.
American, China, 8th prox.

MAILS CLOS.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hailan, 21st Mar., 10 a.m.
Hailan—Per Amoy, 21st Mar., 10 a.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Victoria and Tacoma—Per Chicago-maru, 21st Mar., noon.
Manila—Per Sui Tai, 21st Mar., 11 p.m.
Shanghai—Per Chenan, 21st Mar., 3 p.m.
Manila, Mangarin, Hilo and Cebu—Per Rubei, 21st Mar., 3 p.m.
Amoy—Per Tjipanas, 21st Mar., 4 p.m.
Kudat and Sandakan—Per Borneo, 22nd Mar., 9 a.m.
Swatow—Per Haimun, 22nd Mar., 10 a.m.
Manila—Per Sui Tai, 22nd Mar., 11 p.m.

Shanghai, Moji, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.) (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Montevideo, 22nd Mar., 5 p.m.
Manila, Cebu, Hilo, Angaur, Yap, Maron, Friederich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Enderbush, Matupi, Samarai, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Fremantle—Per Prinz Sigismund, 23rd Mar., 8 a.m.

Dalny—Per Yermolov-maru, 23rd Mar., 9 a.m.
Taku—Per Shinkoku-maru, 23rd Mar., 9 a.m.
Hailan and Haiphong (taking Mails for Pakhoi)—Per Sung-kiang, 23rd Mar., 9 a.m.
Tientsin—Per Chipping, 23rd Mar., 11 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per A. Apear, 23rd Mar., noon.
Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Yoonang, 23rd Mar., 1 p.m.

Manila—Per Sui Tai, 23rd Mar., 11 p.m.
Shanghai—Per Choyang, 23rd Mar., 5 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Lianan, 23rd Mar., 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 24th Mar., 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per Daigi-maru, 24th Mar., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Japan, 25th Mar., 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle—Per Tambo-maru, 26th Mar., 10 a.m.
Swatow—Per Haimun, 26th Mar., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Persia, 26th Mar., 10 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Tean, 26th Mar., 8 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per Mishima-maru, 26th Mar., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 28th Mar., 10 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Rangoon—Per Farika, 28th Mar., 3 p.m.

Shanghai—Per Chinba, 28th Mar., 8 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Namang, 29th Mar., 11 a.m.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN—(Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 27th Mar., at 5 p.m.—Per Davao, 30th Mar., 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Loong-rang, 30th Mar., 1 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Anhai, 30th Mar., 6 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Pookang, 1st April, 11 a.m.
Kobe—Per Muttra, 2nd April, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Korea, 2nd April, noon.

Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Empire, 6th April, 11 a.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Anghin, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Chr. Kumpel, 10th Mar.—Bangkok 9th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.
Arratoon Apear, Br. s.s., 2,031, G. F. Hudson, 19th Mar.—Moji 14th Mar., Cebu and Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, F. Sembill, 12th Mar.—Sandakan 6th Mar., Timor—M. & Co.

Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 997, Le Bail, 11th Mar.—Haiphong 9th Mar., Gen.—M. M.

Chinggo, Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,832, J. Goto, 9th Mar.—Manila, P.T. 7th Mar., Flour and Gen.—O. S. K.

Chia Jehon, Ger. s.s., 1,103, A. Ulderup, 15th Mar.—Canton 14th Mar., Ballast—J. & Co.

Doric, Nor. s.s., 733, F. Sigvald, 17th Mar.—Haiphong 10th Mar., Gen.—Wo Yick S. Co.

Heizun, Br. s.s., 641, A. H. Stewart, 19th Mar.—Swatow 16th Mar., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Itaitan, Br. s.s., 1,183, J. S. Ronch, 19th Mar.—Coast Ports 18th Mar., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Michael Jensen, Ger. s.s., 951, J. Petersen, 18th Mar.—Haiphong and Hailan 16th Mar., Gen.—J. & Co.

Montevideo, Br. s.s., 3,003, W. Davidson, n.n.n., 10th Mar.—Shanghai 7th Mar., Mail and Gen.—O. P. R. Co.

On Sang, Br. s.s., 1,787, A. G. Smith, 17th Mar.—Chingwang 10th Mar., Gen.—O. E. & M. Co.

Persia, Br. s.s., 2,744, J. Hill, 12th Mar.—San Francisco 7th Mar.—10th Mar., Mail and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Pitanehok, Ger. s.s., 1,207, D. Reimann, 12th Mar.—Bangkok 4th Mar., Rice—B. & S.

Rubi, Br. s.s., 2,737, S. A. Crosby, 17th Mar.—Manila 14th Mar., Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Samsen, Ger. s.s., 998, R. Petersen, 17th Mar.—Bangkok and Swatow 16th Mar., Rice and Gen.—N. D. L.

Shinkoku Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,350, J. Den, 16th Mar.—Moji 10th Mar., Coal—O. S. K.

Tamba Maru, Jap. s.s., 6,133, S. Wada, 19th Mar.—Seattle, Wash., 18th Feb., Flour—N. Y. K.

Tamon Maru No. 3, Jap. s.s., 2,110, D. Winer, 18th Mar.—Milko 8th Mar., Coal—M. B. K.

Tjipanas, Dut. s.s., 3,666, P. Zwart, 16th Mar.—Muntok 8th Mar., Gen.—J. O. J. L.

Tjipanas, Dut. s.s., 3,815, Veb'lon, 16th Mar.—Palavia 6th Mar., Sugar and Gen.—J. O. J. L.

Yuenang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Rolle, 19th Mar.—Manila 16th Mar., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

March 19th at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Barometer 30.21 30.17
Temperature 67 62
Humidity 70 40
Rain —

SHIPPING NEWS.

The s.s. Glenelg left Shanghai on the 18th inst., and is due here on the 21st inst.

ARRIVED.

Hong Wan I, Chi. s.s., 2,080, J. Mason, 18th Mar.—Singapore 14th Mar., Gen.—Joo Tek Seng.

Rajabari, Br. s.s., 1,189, O. Wolf, 19th Mar.—Bangkok and Hailan 18th Mar., Rice—B. & S.

Seang Bao, Br. s.s., 3,768, J. Travis, 19th Mar.—Singapore 15th Mar., Gen.—Seang Tai Hong.

Titan, Br. s.s., 5,780, H. W. F. Evans, 19th Mar.—Tacoma, Wash. 19th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Daizi Maru, Jap. s.s., 347, Y. Somakawa, 20th Mar.—Swatow 19th Mar., Gen.—O. S. K.

Jason, Br. s.s., 4,800, Steeves, 20th Mar.—Shanghai 17th Mar., Ballast—B. & S.

Yeddo, Swedish s.s., 3,112, E. H. Anderson, 20th Mar.—Gothenburg 11th Mar., Beans—O. W. & Co.

Choy Sang, Br. s.s., 1,650, M. Courtney, 20th Mar.—Shanghai and Swatow 19th Mar., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,840, Chas. E. Page, 20th Mar.—Saigon 16th Mar., Rice—Wo Fat Sing.

Chenon, Br. s.s., 1,350, J. Jener, 20th Mar.—Canton 19th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

Tjibodas, Dutch s.s., 2,953, Bouman, 20th Mar.—Mussassar and Hailan 19th Mar., Gen.—J. O. J. L.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Bombay-maru, for Bombay. Taming, for Hailan. Michael Jensen, for Haiphong. Soshu-maru, for Amoy. Yel-maru, for Kobe. Paoting, for Canton. Landat Schieff, for Bangkok. Pitanehok, for Bangkok. Seangbes, for Rangoon. Choy ang, for Canton. Chinggo-maru, for Victoria. Hongwan I, for Singapore. Jowichang, for Chinkiang. Hongkong, for Haiphong.

DEPARTED.
Mar. 20.

Africa, for Trieste. Yorek, for Bremen. Bombay-maru, for Bombay. Soshu-maru, for Amoy. Paoting, for Canton. Yushun, for Shanghai. Hongkong, for Haiphong. Nenchwang, for Chinkiang. Landat Schieff, for Bangkok. Tungshing, for Shanghai. Talkhybin, for Seattle. Kohshang, for Hailan.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.
Per s.s. Tamba Maru, arrived 19th Mar., from Seattle, &c.:—
Ah Lee-chiu, Mr. & Mrs. Yama, H. Mrs. May, J. Sun Sui-ping, Sun Koy-line, Sun Sian-shia, Mrs. Tin Yen-to, Ting Ying-yee, Young Kat-hing, Yan Yee-fu, Yan Yee-tong, Yan Yee-sho, Kuo Yee-cho, Lee Gon-yee, Lee Ke-ching.

SHIP'S PASSED THE CANAL.
1st March—Ningchow, Antiochus, Goeben, Polynesien, Segovia, Sachren, Deike Rickmers, 5th March—Flintshire, Himalaya, Hitachi Maru, Nyanza, Baron Innerdale, 8th March—Banlamond, C. Ford Leasie, Gango, Palawan, Ping Sney, Sydney, 12th March—Bonary, Ponia, Laertes, Sambla, Madura, 15th March—Derfingler, Erroll, Kloist, Tangu Maru, Ville de la Ciotat, Arcadia, Lorat, 19th March—Erzhogz Franz Ferdinand, Glosstruo, Miyasaki Maru, Moyone, Peshawur, Socotra, Theosus, Yang Tze.

Arrival at Home—1st March—Denbighshire, Brasilia, Bulow, Tonkai, Afghan Prince, Tonkin, 5th March—Pelous, Indravadi, Pak Ling, 8th March—Dartmund, Goeben, Hirapo Maru, 12th March—Indravadi, Dacre Castle, 15th March—Cyclops, Sydney, Aragona, Atyanax, Konang Si, Kenabed, 19th March—Aja, Segovia.

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YAP, ANGAUR, SAMARAI, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & M'BOURNE	Prinz Sigismund	6,000 Tons, 23rd March, at 9 a.m.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Prinz Waldemar	6,100 Tons, 2nd April.
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Haichang	J. W. Evans	SUNDAY, 24th March, at 10 a.m.
Haichang	W. O. Passmore	THURSDAY, 28th March, at 11 a.m.

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